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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY NOVEMBER 1983 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED OCTOBER 1983 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED NOVEMBER 1982 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,920.7	1,716.2	204.5	10.6	1,933.9	1,720.0	213.9	11.1	1,874.7	1,654.3	220.4	11.8
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	77.8	70.2	7.6	9.8	78.3	70.4	7.9	10.1	74.9	65.9	9.0	11.9
Baton Rouge 2/	244.7	223.3	21.4	8.8	243.5	220.9	22.6	9.3	234.0	210.4	23.6	10.1
Lafayette 3	102.6	94.9	7.7	7.5	103.2	95.0	8.2	8.0	102.1	95.4	6.7	6.6
Lake Charles 4/	76.9	65.4	11.5	14.9	77.4	65.9	11.5	14.9	75.4	63.7	11.7	15.5
Monroe 5/	58.2	52.1	6.1	10.5	58.3	51.9	6.4	11.0	58.5	51.2	7.3	12.4
New Orleans 6/	529.7	478.9	50.8	9.6	526.3	473.7	52.6	10.0	518.1	463.3	54.8	10.6
Shreveport 7/	168.2	151.0	17.2	10.2	169.5	151.3	18.2	10.7	164.8	145.1	19.7	12.0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana during November stood at 1,597,400, an increase of 300 workers above October's level, but 11,800 below the comparable period a year ago. An increase in the state's nonmanufacturing employment was spearheaded by an upturn in retail trade employees. November payrolls in manufacturing were lower due largely to less business in the transportation equipment segment of durable goods and a seasonal decrease in food and kindred products employees.

1/ Includes Avoyelles, Grant, & Rapides parishes. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Lafayette Parish only. 4/ Calcasieu Parish only. 5/ Ouachita Parish only. 6/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, and St. Tammany parishes. 7/ Includes Bossier, Caddo, and Webster parishes.

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Estimated employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing fell by 300 workers from October's level. Cutbacks in the manufacture of household furniture contributed to the slight downturn in furniture and fixtures employment. Less demand for glass and glassware and for concrete, gypsum and plaster products accounted for the decrease in stone, clay and glass products payrolls. Increased activity at iron and steel foundries, nonferrous foundries, and establishments that smelt and refine nonferrous metals resulted in higher primary metal industries employment. Slight upturns in coating and engraving services, in the production of fabricated structural metal products, and in the manufacture of certain ordance and accessories accounted for the increase in fabricated metal products employment. Machinery, except electrical, employment moved up from October's level due to an increase in the need for construction and related machinery. Transportation equipment employment was lower as a result of less activity at the state's shipyards.

Total nondurable goods employment for November, at 104,000, was down by 600 from the October level and 4,000 below the November a year ago figure. A seasonal decrease in the production of fats and oils was a large factor in the drop of employment in the food and kindred products industry. Apparel and other textile products employment edged downward for the current month as payroll cutbacks occurred in men's and boy's furnishings, women's and misses' outerwear, and miscellaneous fabricated textile products. Increased production of certain miscellaneous converted paper products was instrumental in the higher employment level for paper and allied products. Falling demand for industrial inorganic and industrial organic chemicals accounted for the drop in chemicals and allied products payrolls.

Estimated employment in nonmanufacturing industries, at 1,404,300, was 1,600 above last month's level of 1,402,700, but a drop of 2,400 workers from November a year ago. Mining employment was up as a result of an increase in the exploration for oil and gas. A downturn in general building construction and in heavy construction contributed most to the lower construction payrolls in November. A labor dispute at a firm in the local and interurban passenger transit segment of the state's transportation and public utilities industry was a primary factor in the decrease of employees in that industry. Trade employment moved up due to increased hiring at department stores and specialty shops for the holiday season. A seasonal downturn at one of the state's racetracks contributed to the decline in services payrolls for the current month. Payroll additions in state and local government were responsible for the upturn in government employment during November.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 136,500 production workers in manufacturing increased from $392.75 in October to $394.30 in November, an increase of $1.55 but a drop of $5.10 from the comparable period a year ago. Average hourly earnings, at $9.76, was one cent below last month's level but $0.45 cents above the same time last year. Weekly hours averaged 40.4 during November, an increase of 0.2 hours from the October figure.

Estimated total unemployment in the state for November amounted to 204,500, a decrease of 9,400 from the October level of 213,900. The unemployment rate for November was 10.6 percent compared to 11.1 percent last month and 11.8 percent in November of last year. The comparable national unemployment rate for November was 8.1 percent compared to 8.4 percent in October and 10.4 percent in November a year ago. Louisiana's civilian labor force moved from 1,933,900 in October to 1,920,700 in November, a decrease of 13,200. Total employment for Louisiana went from 1,720,000 in October to 1,716,200 in November, a decrease of 3,800, but an increase of 61,900 above November of last year.

Louisiana's unemployment rate should be lower next month. The estimated nonagricultural wage and salary employment is expected to be influenced by seasonal changes. Retail trade should move up in December as shopping for the holiday season reaches its peak. Winter weather may result in lower construction and mining employment. Cutbacks will probably occur in certain manufacturing industries.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1983*	Oct. 1983**	Nov. 1982**	Net Change from Oct. 1983	Net Change from Nov. 1982
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARIED WORKERS	1,597.4	1,597.1	1,609.2	+ 0.3	- 11.8
MINING AND QUARRYING	91.5	91.3	94.9	+ 0.2	- 3.4
Oil and Gas Extraction	88.2	87.9	91.5	+ 0.3	- 3.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	3.3	3.4	3.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	115.3	116.4	120.7	- 1.1	- 5.4
MANUFACTURING	193.1	194.4	202.5	- 1.3	- 9.4
Durable Goods	89.1	89.8	94.5	- 0.7	- 5.4
Lumber and Wood Products	13.5	13.5	12.9	0	+ 0.6
Furniture and Fixtures	0.7	0.8	0.7	- 0.1	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.9	8.0	7.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Primary Metal Industries	3.5	3.4	4.4	+ 0.1	- 0.9
Fabricated Metal Products	16.3	16.2	16.8	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Machinery, Except Electrical	12.0	11.9	13.5	+ 0.1	- 1.5
Electric & Electronic Equipment	8.2	8.2	9.7	0	- 1.5
Transportation Equipment	24.8	25.6	26.4	- 0.8	- 1.6
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	104.0	104.6	108.0	- 0.6	- 4.0
Food & Kindred Products	26.7	27.1	27.8	- 0.4	- 1.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	8.4	8.5	8.4	- 0.1	0
Paper & Allied Products	11.9	11.8	12.1	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	9.9	9.9	9.8	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	30.3	30.5	32.7	- 0.2	- 2.4
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.7	12.7	13.2	0	- 0.5
Petroleum Refining	12.1	12.1	12.4	0	- 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.1	4.1	4.0	0	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	123.9	124.1	127.6	- 0.2	- 3.7
Railroad Transportation	7.9	7.9	8.3	0	- 0.4
Transportation, ex. Railroads	75.9	76.1	77.0	- 0.2	- 1.1
Communications & Public Utilities	40.1	40.1	42.3	0	- 2.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	370.5	368.1	369.8	+ 2.4	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade	99.5	99.6	101.3	- 0.1	- 1.8
Retail Trade	271.0	268.5	268.5	+ 2.5	+ 2.5
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	61.5	59.3	60.5	+ 2.2	+ 1.0
Food Stores	47.3	47.3	48.1	0	- 0.8
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	30.9	30.9	30.5	0	+ 0.4
Eating & Drinking Places	81.6	81.8	79.1	- 0.2	+ 2.5
Other Retail Trade	49.7	49.2	50.3	+ 0.5	- 0.6
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	80.1	80.1	79.4	0	+ 0.7
Banking	25.9	26.0	26.0	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	307.8	308.1	303.5	- 0.3	+ 4.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.5	21.4	21.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Other Services	286.3	286.7	282.4	- 0.4	+ 3.9
GOVERNMENT	315.2	314.6	310.8	+ 0.6	+ 4.4
Federal	34.0	34.0	33.6	0	+ 0.4
State and Local	281.2	280.6	277.2	+ 0.6	+ 4.0
State	103.1	102.7	102.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.8
Local	178.1	177.9	174.9	+ 0.2	+ 3.2

* Preliminary **Revised
(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries
(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$394.30	$392.75	$399.40	40.4	40.2	42.9	$9.76	$9.77	$9.31
Durable Goods	353.70	349.05	381.65	39.3	39.0	42.5	9.00	8.95	8.98
Lumber & Wood Products	267.63	278.71	262.28	38.9	39.2	39.8	6.88	7.11	6.59
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	352.67	352.90	382.35	41.2	43.3	43.4	8.56	8.15	8.81
Fabricated Metal Products	361.56	361.77	422.14	39.3	38.9	43.7	9.20	9.30	9.66
Machinery, ex. Electrical	342.91	329.73	406.85	38.4	36.8	41.6	8.93	8.96	9.78
Electric & Electronic Equip.	395.41	375.36	360.91	39.9	39.1	37.4	9.91	9.60	9.65
Transportation Equipment	397.55	392.21	388.08	39.4	39.3	42.0	10.09	9.98	9.24
Nondurable Goods	434.92	435.94	416.02	41.5	41.4	43.2	10.48	10.53	9.63
Food & Kindred Products	270.60	255.71	245.92	41.0	39.1	42.4	6.60	6.54	5.80
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	161.42	172.79	156.16	34.2	37.0	36.4	4.72	4.67	4.29
Paper & Allied Products	556.70	532.07	502.04	43.8	42.6	44.0	12.71	12.49	11.41
Printing & Publishing	329.35	349.84	303.40	37.9	39.8	37.0	8.69	8.79	8.20
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	610.14	620.86	580.73	42.4	42.7	41.9	14.39	14.54	13.86
Petroleum & Coal Products	616.82	646.78	611.25	46.8	46.8	48.9	13.18	13.82	12.50
Petroleum Refining	630.40	664.10	630.94	46.8	46.9	49.1	13.47	14.16	12.85
MINING	520.60	512.59	444.64	47.5	47.2	41.4	10.96	10.86	10.74
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	500.99	484.15	455.36	42.1	42.1	39.7	11.90	11.50	11.47
BANKING	220.71	223.88	220.61	37.6	38.8	38.3	5.87	5.77	5.76

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 136,500 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 113,000 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY NOVEMBER 1983				REVISED OCTOBER 1983			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
Crowley (Acadia)	24,525	21,275	3,250	13.3	25,300	21,900	3,400	13.4
Oakdale (Allen)	6,275	4,875	1,400	22.4	6,425	4,975	1,450	22.5
Napoleonville (Assumption)	10,775	9,325	1,450	13.4	11,400	9,850	1,550	13.6
DeRidder (Beauregard)	11,375	9,875	1,500	13.1	11,350	9,850	1,500	13.2
Arcadia (Bienville)	6,850	6,150	700	10.2	6,850	6,125	725	10.7
Columbia (Caldwell)	4,575	4,025	550	12.0	4,700	4,125	575	12.3
Cameron (Cameron)	4,825	4,350	475	9.9	5,100	4,625	475	9.3
Jonesville (Catahoula)	6,675	6,050	625	9.5	6,950	6,300	650	9.3
Homer (Claiborne)	7,300	6,675	625	8.6	7,400	6,725	675	9.2
Ferriday (Concordia)	8,850	7,825	1,025	11.7	9,075	7,950	1,125	12.4
Mansfield (DeSoto)	10,700	9,625	1,075	10.1	10,825	9,700	1,125	10.5
Lake Providence (E.Carroll)	4,300	3,700	600	14.0	4,700	4,125	575	12.5
Clinton (East Feliciana)	7,750	7,000	750	9.5	7,800	7,075	725	9.4
Ville Platte (Evangeline)	14,025	11,950	2,075	14.8	14,425	12,250	2,175	15.1
Winnsboro (Franklin)	9,125	7,750	1,375	15.1	9,625	8,200	1,425	14.9
New Iberia (Iberia)	39,850	34,800	5,050	12.6	40,275	34,975	5,300	13.1
Plaquemine (Iberville)	15,275	13,575	1,700	11.1	15,800	13,925	1,875	11.9
Jonesboro (Jackson)	6,350	5,775	575	9.0	6,325	5,725	600	9.3
Jennings (Jefferson Davis)	13,850	11,600	2,250	16.3	14,475	12,075	2,400	16.6
Thibodaux (Lafourche)	40,925	36,650	4,275	10.4	41,800	37,125	4,675	11.2
Jena (LaSalle)	5,825	5,250	575	9.9	5,825	5,225	600	10.4
Ruston (Lincoln)	20,800	19,675	1,125	5.4	20,975	19,750	1,225	5.8
Tallulah (Madison)	4,775	4,250	525	11.2	5,075	4,575	500	10.0
Bastrop (Morehouse)	12,550	11,100	1,450	11.6	12,900	11,425	1,475	11.4
Natchitoches (Natchitoches)	16,425	14,925	1,500	9.1	16,600	15,075	1,525	9.1
Point-a-la-Hache(Plaqum.)	14,850	13,725	1,125	7.5	14,950	13,825	1,125	7.5
New Roads (Pointe Coupee)	12,350	10,950	1,400	11.4	12,900	11,350	1,550	11.9
Coushatta (Red River)	3,900	3,525	375	9.3	4,050	3,650	400	9.7
Rayville (Richland)	7,525	6,550	975	12.9	7,775	6,800	975	12.5
Many (Sabine)	7,750	6,950	800	10.2	7,750	6,900	850	11.0
Norco (St. Charles)	24,125	21,900	2,225	9.2	24,425	22,100	2,325	9.6
Greensburg (St. Helena)	4,050	3,625	425	10.4	4,125	3,700	425	10.3
Lutcher (St. James)	8,225	7,100	1,125	13.7	8,525	7,325	1,200	14.0
Reserve (St. John)	17,750	15,525	2,225	12.5	17,850	15,525	2,325	13.0
Opelousas (St. Landry)	35,450	29,275	6,175	17.4	36,275	29,900	6,375	17.6
St. Martinville (St. Martin)	19,700	17,000	2,700	13.7	20,150	17,225	2,925	14.5
Morgan City (St. Mary)	35,275	30,200	5,075	14.4	36,075	30,600	5,475	15.1
Hammond (Tangipahoa)	33,725	28,250	5,475	16.2	34,750	29,025	5,725	16.5
St. Joseph (Tensas)	2,875	2,550	325	11.1	3,200	2,875	325	9.9
Houma (Terrebonne)	49,300	43,625	5,675	11.5	50,200	43,875	6,325	12.6
Farmerville (Union)	7,225	6,375	850	11.7	7,300	6,450	850	11.7
Abbeville (Vermilion)	25,050	22,025	3,025	12.0	25,775	22,625	3,150	12.2
Leesville (Vernon)	11,500	9,875	1,625	14.2	11,425	9,800	1,625	14.2
Bogalusa (Washington)	14,500	12,150	2,350	16.2	14,700	12,300	2,400	16.4
Oak Grove (West Carroll)	4,075	3,375	700	17.5	4,350	3,625	725	16.8
St. Francisville (W.Felic.)	3,225	2,950	275	8.6	3,275	2,975	300	8.9
Winnfield (Winn)	5,625	4,850	775	13.6	5,600	4,800	800	14.3

Note: Labor Market Areas are designated by name of principal Town, but include all of parish in parenthesis.

Above data rounded to nearest 25 except LMA's and Statewide which are rounded to nearest 100. Subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding. Rates computed from unrounded data.

ALEXANDRIA AREA (1)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1983*	Oct. 1983**	Nov. 1982**	Net Change From Oct. 1983	Net Change From Nov. 1982
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARIED WORKERS	55.6	55.4	54.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
MANUFACTURING	5.8	5.8	5.6	0	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	3.0	3.0	3.0	0	0
Lumber & Wood Products	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Nondurable Goods	2.8	2.8	2.6	0	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
NONMANUFACTURING	49.8	49.6	49.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Construction	3.7	3.7	3.5	0	+ 0.2
Trans., Comm., & Pub. Utilities	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 0.1
Wholesale & Retail Trade	12.7	12.5	12.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	2.9	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	9.9	9.7	9.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.1	2.0	2.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
Other Retail Trade	4.2	4.1	4.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	3.0	3.0	3.0	0	0
Services & Mining	11.9	11.9	11.6	0	+ 0.3
Health Services	5.3	5.3	5.1	0	+ 0.2
Other Services & Mining	6.6	6.6	6.5	0	+ 0.1
Government	16.1	16.1	16.0	0	+ 0.1
Federal	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
State	5.9	5.9	5.8	0	+ 0.1
Local	7.4	7.4	7.4	0	0

(1) Geographic coverage of data now published for this area differs from the standard definition. Data also includes Avoyelles Parish.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria Labor Market Area increased in November to 55,600. This was a gain of 200 over the previous month and an increase of 900 from this month a year ago. This months gains were in nonmanufacturing.

Manufacturing employment, unchanged since the previous month, has increased 200 from this month a year ago. The gain was in nondurable goods with a slight gain in food and kindred products and other nondurable goods.

Employment in nonmanufacturing is up 200 since last month and is estimated at 49,800. The increases were in retail trade with a slight increase in general merchandise and other retail trade. Compared to this month a year ago, nonmanufacturing employment has increased 700, with increases in each major segment except finance, insurance and real estate.

During the next thirty days total employment should decrease. The unemployment rate should increase as adverse weather conditions will hamper outdoor related employment.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1983*	Oct. 1983**	Nov. 1982**	Net Change From Oct. 1983	Net Change From Nov. 1982
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARIED WORKERS	212.3	211.2	209.2	+ 1.1	+ 3.1
MANUFACTURING	24.5	24.4	25.3	+ 0.1	- 0.8
Durable Goods	4.7	4.6	4.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.9	1.8	2.0	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	19.8	19.8	20.5	0	- 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	2.8	2.8	2.4	0	+ 0.4
Printing & Publishing	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	13.8	13.8	14.9	0	- 1.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
NONMANUFACTURING	187.8	186.8	183.9	+ 1.0	+ 3.9
Mining	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Construction	22.0	21.8	21.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	10.1	10.2	10.6	- 0.1	- 0.5
Wholesale & Retail Trade	49.5	49.0	47.4	+ 0.5	+ 2.1
Wholesale Trade	11.7	11.7	11.5	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	37.8	37.3	35.9	+ 0.5	+ 1.9
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	11.9	12.0	11.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Services	38.7	38.2	37.3	+ 0.5	+ 1.4
Government	54.1	54.1	53.7	0	+ 0.4

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$468.84	$484.50	$480.63	42.2	42.8	43.3	$11.11	$11.32	$11.10
Petro-Chemicals	609.45	640.20	588.26	42.5	44.0	43.9	14.34	14.55	13.40

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 15,700 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA was estimated at 212,300 during November, up 1,100 from October's revised estimate of 211,200 and up 3,100 over the total for last November. Manufacturing employment increased 100 and nonmanufacturing was up 1,000 during the current period.

Employment in manufacturing totaled 24,500 in November, up 100 from the October revised estimate to 24,400. Durable goods at 4,700, increased 100 during the current period due in part to a return to normal operations of a plant in the iron and steel foundries after a partial temporary shutdown. Nondurable goods at 19,800 for November had no change.

Estimated employment in nonmanufacturing at 187,800 was up 1,000 during November and up 3,900 over November of last year. Employment in mining industries remained stable during the current period. Increased activity in heavy construction and in highway and street construction helped the rise in construction employment this month. An employment drop in transportation, and public utilities resulted from less activity in trucking, local and long distance, and in services incidental to water transportation. Employment in trade industries increased due to continued seasonal gains in department stores and in eating and drinking places. Finance, insurance, and real estate employment was down due to employment reductions in all three groups. More business in hotels, motels, and tourists courts, photographic studios and more activity in hospitals accounted for most of the increased employment in the services industries. Government employment remained stable during the current period.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents was estimated at 223,300 during November, up 2,400 over October's revised estimate of 220,900. Unemployment totaled 21,400 in November, down 1,200 from last month's revised estimate and down 2,200 from November of last year. November's unemployment rate at 8.8 percent is down from last month's revised 9.3 percent. The local civilian labor force totaled 244,700 during November, up 1,200 from October's total.

Average weekly earnings of Baton Rouge LMA's 15,700 production workers in all manufacturing industries was $468.84 in November, down $15.66 from October's revised average. Average weekly hours were down 0.6 hours, and average hourly earnings were down $0.21. Less overtime worked produced these reductions.

The Baton Rouge and Gonzales Job Service Offices served 1,940 individuals with new or renewal applications, and placed 723 applicants in jobs during November.

The consumer price index for October, 1983 for all urban consumers was 302.6 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 301.3 using base period 1967=100.

Employment expected to continue upward while unemployment declines during the coming months.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1983*	Oct. 1983**	Nov. 1982**	Net Change From Oct. 1983	Net Change From Nov. 1982
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARIED WORKERS	95.6	94.5	99.6	+ 1.0	- 4.0
MANUFACTURING	5.1	5.1	5.2	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	3.2	0	- 0.3
Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.0	0	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
NONMANUFACTURING	90.5	89.4	94.4	+ 1.0	- 3.9
Mining	17.1	17.0	19.4	+ 0.1	- 2.3
Construction	6.1	6.1	6.7	0	- 0.6
Trans., Comm. & Pub. Utilities	7.8	7.7	7.9	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale & Retail Trade	24.3	23.7	24.7	+ 0.6	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	7.7	7.6	7.7	+ 0.1	0
Retail Trade	16.6	16.1	17.0	+ 0.5	- 0.4
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	3.3	2.8	3.0	+ 0.5	+ 0.3
Food Stores	2.0	2.0	2.1	0	- 0.1
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	9.5	9.5	10.2	0	- 0.7
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	3.8	3.8	3.6	0	+ 0.2
Services	20.1	20.0	21.0	+ 0.1	- 0.9
Government	11.3	11.1	11.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Lafayette during November stood at 95,600, an increase of 1,000 over the previous month and a decrease of 4,000 below the comparable month a year ago.

Manufacturing remained at the same level while nonmanfacturing was responsible for the 1,000 increase. The bulk of the increase was in wholesale and retail trade. This increase was due to the hiring for the holiday season.

Mining stood at 17,100 which was an increase of 100 over the previous month but a decrease of 2,300 from the same period of time a year ago.

Construction has remained relatively stable but is expected to decrease in the coming months because of the weather and the slowdown in commercial construction.

The other segments of employment have remained stable and shown little increase or decrease.

The unemployment rate in Lafayette will remain about the same for the next month but will probably increase after the first of the year due to adverse weather conditions and the end of the holiday season.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1983*	Oct. 1983**	Nov. 1982**	Net Change From Oct. 1983	Net Change From Nov. 1982
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARIED WORKERS	60.2	61.0	62.2	- 0.8	- 2.0
MANUFACTURING	9.7	9.8	10.6	- 0.1	- 0.9
Durable Goods	0.9	0.9	1.2	0	- 0.3
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.8	0	- 0.3
Nondurable Goods	8.8	8.9	9.4	- 0.1	- 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Chemical & Pet Products	7.9	8.0	8.6	- 0.1	- 0.7
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.4	0	+ 0.1
NONMANUFACTURING	50.5	51.2	51.6	- 0.7	- 1.1
Mining	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
Construction	3.8	4.4	5.3	- 0.6	- 1.5
Trans., Comm. & Pub. & Utilities	4.9	4.9	4.5	0	+ 0.4
Wholesale & Retail Trade	15.1	15.1	15.1	0	0
Wholesale Trade	3.5	3.5	3.4	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	11.6	11.6	11.7	0	- 0.1
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.6	2.5	2.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.5	3.5	3.5	0	0
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	3.1	3.1	2.9	0	+ 0.2
Services	11.0	11.1	10.7	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Government	10.2	10.2	10.7	0	- 0.5

LAKE CHARLES
EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonfarm payroll employment fell 800 below the October level in November. Most of the loss occurred in nonmanufacturing industries. Over-the-year losses, equally shared by manufacturing and nonmanufacturing establishments, totaled 2,000.

Manufacturing employment dropped 100 below the mid-October total. All of the loss was centered in Petroleum and Chemical producers. The current manufacturing employment estimate falls 900 below the November 1982 level. The greater portion of this decline occurred in Nondurable Goods producers.

Nonfactory employment, currently estimated at 50,500 fell 700 below the October level due to losses in Construction and Services. The current estimate shows a decline of 1,100 during the twelve months from November 1982. A 1,500 job loss in Construction was offset by gains in Transportation and Public Utilities, Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, and Services.

The outlook is for a small increase in Trade employment during the December pre-Christmas shopping period and a possible increase in unemployment as inclement weather curtails outdoor employment activity.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1983*	Oct. 1983**	Nov. 1982**	Net Change From Oct. 1983	Net Change From Nov. 1982
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARIED WORKERS	50.4	50.5	51.4	- 0.1	- 1.0
MANUFACTURING	7.4	7.4	7.1	0	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	2.7	2.7	2.4	0	+ 0.3
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.3	0.2	- 0.1	0
Other Durable Goods	2.5	2.4	2.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	4.7	4.7	4.7	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.0	3.0	3.0	0	0
NONMANUFACTURING	43.0	43.1	44.3	- 0.1	- 1.3
Mining	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Construction	3.5	3.6	3.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
Trans., Comm. & Pub. Utilities	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	13.7	13.6	13.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	4.0	4.0	4.0	0	0
Retail Trade	9.7	9.6	9.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.6	2.5	2.6	+ 0.1	0
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.7	2.8	2.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	3.9	4.0	3.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Services	9.7	9.7	9.7	0	0
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Health Services	4.2	4.1	4.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Government	8.8	8.8	10.4	0	- 1.6

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment declined by an estimated 100 workers during mid-November to an estimated 50,400.

Manufacturing was unchanged with only minimal movement in durable goods.

Construction was down by 100 as was finance, insurance and real estate. The only gain was in wholesale and retail trade as retail stores started gearing up for the holiday season. All other segments were unchanged.

Employment is expected to remain relatively steady until after the holiday season. Unemployment is expected to remain high.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1983*	Oct. 1983**	Nov. 1982**	Net Change From Oct. 1983	Net Change From Nov. 1982
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARIED WORKERS	508.2	506.7	513.7	+ 1.5	- 5.5
MANUFACTURING	43.5	43.9	46.7	- 0.4	- 3.2
Durable Goods	25.4	25.8	27.8	- 0.4	- 2.4
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	- 0.1
Machinery	3.4	3.4	3.4	0	0
Transportation Equipment	14.0	14.4	15.5	- 0.4	- 1.5
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	9.3	9.7	11.6	- 0.4	- 2.3
Other Durable Goods	1.5	1.5	2.2	0	- 0.7
Nondurable Goods	18.1	18.1	18.9	0	- 0.8
Food & Kindred Products	7.5	7.5	8.0	0	- 0.5
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	- 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	1.2	1.2	1.3	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.2	3.2	3.2	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
NONMANUFACTURING	464.7	462.8	467.0	+ 1.9	- 2.3
Mining	20.7	20.6	20.7	+ 0.1	0
Construction	32.2	31.9	31.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.8
Trans., Comm. & Pub. Utilities	47.7	47.5	50.0	+ 0.2	- 2.3
Railroad Transportation	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	17.4	17.1	18.0	+ 0.3	- 0.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	129.3	128.1	129.3	+ 1.2	0
Wholesale Trade	32.8	33.1	35.7	- 0.3	- 2.9
Retail Trade	96.5	95.0	93.6	+ 1.5	+ 2.9
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	30.9	30.8	31.2	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Services	124.0	124.0	124.5	0	- 0.5
Government	79.9	79.9	79.9	0	0
Federal	14.8	14.9	15.1	- 0.1	- 0.3
State	19.3	19.3	20.5	0	- 1.2
Local	45.8	45.7	44.3	+ 0.1	+ 1.5

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**
All MANUFACTURING	$347.91	$352.30	$369.74	38.7	38.8	39.8	$8.99	$9.08	$9.29
Durable Goods	368.40	365.66	402.93	40.0	38.9	40.7	9.21	9.40	9.90
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	357.20	350.26	376.14	40.0	41.5	44.2	8.93	8.44	8.51
Fabricated Metal Products	402.27	402.48	396.39	39.4	38.7	36.2	10.21	10.40	10.95
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	350.43	355.12	386.05	37.6	37.9	41.6	9.32	9.37	9.28
Nondurable Goods	316.35	330.72	313.29	36.7	38.5	38.3	8.62	8.59	8.18
Food & Kindred Products	270.11	278.00	272.96	36.7	39.1	40.2	7.36	7.11	6.79
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	121.76	128.74	116.75	27.3	28.8	26.9	4.46	4.47	4.34
Paper & Allied Products	358.99	334.97	341.78	43.2	41.1	43.1	8.31	8.15	7.93
Printing & Publishing	298.38	351.71	313.23	38.7	43.8	39.8	7.71	8.03	7.87
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	515.86	540.48	547.47	37.3	38.8	39.5	13.83	13.93	13.86

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 28,500 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the New Orleans Labor Market Area in November increased to 508,200, up 1,500 from October. The gain was mostly in nonmanufacturing in retail trade and was mainly seasonal in nature. Manufacturing was lowered by layoffs by ship and boatbuilding and repairing.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,500 in November, 400 less than last month. The loss was in ship and boatbuilding and repairing. All other manufacturing industries held steady over the month. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is down 3,200.

Nonmanufacturing changes were highlighted by gains in retail trade. Seasonal upturns were augmented by the opening of new stores and restaurants. Less favorably, wholesale trade continued to show an overall downtrend. Construction pushed up, reflecting a great variety of work involved in preparations for the 1984 World's Fair. Water transportation pulled back up from the reduced level of the past three months. Intercity highway passenger transportation was lowered by a labor dispute. Mining eked out a small gain. Finance and insurance showed mild upturns. In services, a variety of small decreases in some industries, offset slight increases in others. Government changes were minor.

Average weekly earnings were $347.91 for New Orleans area factory workers in November. This was $4.39 less than last month's average and $21.83 less than the average one year ago. The decrease was mainly due to the drop in average hourly earnings of nine cents. Average weekly hours decreased by only six minutes.

Estimated unemployment in November decreased to 50,800, down 1,800 from October. Seasonal upturns in employment were mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 9.6 percent of the labor force compared to 10.0 percent in October and 10.6 percent in November of last year. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 13,139. Approximately 43.0 percent of the claimants were non-white; about 29.0 percent were female.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the coming months is expected to show changes typically seasonal in nature. Retail trade will push up strongly in December as shopping for the holiday season nears its peak and then adjust downward in January. Services will be boosted by the opening of the Fair Grounds racing season. Construction will probably show some overall increase as preparations for the 1984 World's Fair gain momentum. Mining will be hampered by winter weather conditions. Unemployment is predicted to move down in December and then back up again in January.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1983*	Oct. 1983**	Nov. 1982**	Net Change From Oct. 1983	Net Change From Nov. 1982
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARIED WORKERS	147.0	148.0	147.8	- 1.0	- 0.8
MANUFACTURING	24.2	24.2	24.6	0	- 0.4
Durable Goods	18.4	18.3	18.6	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Lumber and Wood Products	1.6	1.6	1.3	0	+ 0.3
Metals and Machinery	10.7	10.7	13.1	0	- 2.4
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.9	3.9	3.9	0	0
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	6.8	6.8	9.2	0	- 2.4
Other Durable Goods	6.1	6.0	4.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.9
Nondurable Good	5.8	5.9	6.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.7	1.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
NONMANUFACTURING	122.8	123.8	123.2	- 1.0	- 0.4
Mining	7.2	7.2	7.7	0	- 0.5
Construction	7.9	8.4	7.7	- 0.5	+ 0.2
Trans., Comm. & Pub. Utilities	8.6	8.8	9.2	- 0.2	- 0.6
Wholesale and Retail Trade	34.5	34.0	34.7	+ 0.5	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	8.5	8.4	9.0	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Retail Trade	26.0	25.6	25.7	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	7.9	7.9	7.6	0	+ 0.3
Services	30.6	31.5	30.6	- 0.9	0
Government	26.1	26.0	25.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.4

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**
All MANUFACTURING	$397.37	$367.77	$331.18	39.6	39.0	39.1	$9.58	$9.43	$8.47
Lumber and Wood Products	218.67	237.80	227.77	37.0	39.7	40.6	5.91	5.99	5.61
Metals and Machinery	374.22	360.51	390.44	40.5	39.4	39.8	9.24	9.15	9.81
Food and Kindred Products	191.91	189.33	199.07	32.2	32.7	34.5	5.96	5.79	5.77
Printing and Publishing	230.04	226.29	234.24	28.9	28.9	32.0	7.96	7.83	7.32
Petroleum and Coal Products	521.86	501.16	519.83	45.3	44.0	47.3	11.52	11.39	10.99

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 18,400 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Shreveport Area is 147,000, down from the revised October estimate of 148,000 and the year ago estimate of 147,800. Total employment in manufacturing is unchanged from last month, while employment in nonmanufacturing shows a decline from the previous month.

Employment in manufacturing is 24,200, unchanged from the revised October estimate, but 400 less than November, 1982.

Total nonmanufacturing employment decreased from the revised October estimate of 123,800 to 122,800. The ending of the racing season caused the most significant deline in services employment. Employment in construction fell 500 and was offset with an employment increase of 500 in wholesale and retail trade.

The average weekly earnings of 18,400 production workers were $379.37, an increase from $367.77 last month and $331.18 one year ago. Average weekly hours increased from 39.0 to 39.6 during the past month. The average hourly earnings rose from $9.43 the previous month to $9.58.

The civilian labor force in the Shreveport Area is 168,200, including 151,000 employed and 17,200 unemployed. The unemployment rate is 10.2 percent, compared with 10.6 percent statewide and a national rate of 8.4 percent.

Employment and unemployment in this area will be influenced by normal seasonal patterns. In addition to adverse weather conditions, construction activities will be slowed by building material shortages and high interest rates. Employment in trade will reach a peak in December before declining at the end of the Christmas buying period.